

No. 3984

## THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED £1,185,000  
PAID-UP £685,500

BANKERS:  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—  
For 12 Months ..... 5 per cent.  
" 6 " ..... 4 " "  
" 3 " ..... 3 " "  
JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 18th June, 1894. [8]

## THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £3,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP £251,093.15.0

BANKERS:  
CAPITAL & COUNTRIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:  
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:  
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:  
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.  
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application.  
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

CHARTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [214]

## THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—  
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman,  
H. Stollerfoht, Esq.,  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,  
Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.  
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1894. [7]

## THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000  
RESERVE FUND £275,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 5 per cent.  
" 6 " 4 " "  
" 3 " 3 " "  
A. C. MARSHALL,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 17th May, 1894. [19]

## Insurance.

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE UNDERSIGNED are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 5th April, 1894. [435]

## GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 \$333,333.33  
EQUAL TO £333,333.33  
RESERVE FUND £318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
LEE SING, Esq., LO YUK MOON, Esq.,  
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.,

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 19th December, 1894. [19.0]

## NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES ON GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 18th May, 1894. [146]

## Intimations.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

THE UNDERSIGNED BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at NOON TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 20th, 21st and 22nd instant respectively:—

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,  
A. C. MARSHALL,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,  
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,  
JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, HONGKONG AGENCY,  
EMILE MAYER,  
Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED, HONGKONG,  
CHARTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1895. [252]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during the Races on the 20th, 21st and 22nd instant.

HART BUCK,  
Acting Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 18th February, 1895. [263]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1895.

TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY) THURSDAY, & FRIDAY, the 20th, 21st and 22nd FEBRUARY.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LD. Price 5s. for the Meeting.

Tickets for the Day may be purchased at the Gate. Price, 2s. each.

No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

HART BUCK,  
Acting Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 18th February, 1895. [264]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ENCLOSURE of the RACECOURSE during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS, which can be had on application from the Undersigned.

HART BUCK,  
Acting Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 18th February, 1895. [265]

## RACE COURSE.

HONGKONG HOTEL—TENT.

TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), 20th FEBRUARY, 1895.

TIFFIN (\$1).

MENU.

1. Green Turtle Soup. 2. Mulligatawny Soup.

3. Sardines. 4. Prawns.

5. Lobster. 6. Buffalo Tongue. 7. Pressed Beef.

8. Oxtail Jelly. 9. Ham and Chicken.

10. Game Pie. 11. Baked Capon.

12. Pigeon Pie. 13. Beefsteak Pie.

14. Roast Kibb. Beef.

15. Roast Saddle of Mutton. 16. Roast Turkey.

17. Roast Capon.

18. Polled Corned Beef and Carrots.

19. Chicken Salad. 20. Potato Salad.

21. Shrimp Salad. 22. Roast Pheasant.

23. Roast Wild Duck. 24. Roast Quail.

25. Sponge Cake. 26. Almond Basket.

27. Sand Cake. 28. Plum Cake.

29. Peach Meringues. 30. Champagne Jelly.

31. Charlotte Russe. 32. Orange Jelly.

33. Mince Pie. 34. Pears & Rice.

35. Bon Bons. 36. Dried Liches.

37. Cheese. 38. Celery. 39. Radishes.

40. Watercresses.

41. Tea. 42. Coffee. 43. Chocolate.

SANDWICHES.  
Caviar Sandwiches.  
Ham do.  
Beef do.  
Egg do.  
Sardine do.  
Hongkong, 16th February, 1895. [253]

## LACTOPEPTINE.

LACTOMALTINE.

PEPSINE SALTS.

PEPSINE TABLOIDS.

ZYMINE TABLOIDS.

TO BE HAD AT THE "PHARMACY," FLETCHER & Co.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1895. [31]

## WANTED.

A POSITION OF TRUST in a MERCHANT or BUSINESS HOUSE by a Gentleman of good address, thorough knowledge of SIX EUROPEAN LANGUAGES, viz.: ENGLISH, FRENCH, ITALIAN, GREEK, ARABIC and SPANISH, and considerable experience of HOTEL MANAGEMENT. Coast Ports not objected to. Highest References.

Address in first instance to: A. B. C.

at Hongkong Telegraph Office, Hongkong, 9th February, 1895. [109]

## Intimations.

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED.

28, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

ASBESTOS PACKINGS of every description.

ASBESTOS SHEETINGS, MILLBOARDS, &c.

ASBESTOS non-conducting Composition for COVERING BOILERS and STEAM PIPES.

CANVAS CORE PACKING (Ruck Form).

SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.

ALSO ASBESTOLINE, the most economical lubricant. One pound equal to 5 gallons of Oil.

Messrs. BELL'S ASBESTOS Co. received the only Gold Medal awarded to the trade International Exhibition and the only Medal at Antwerp Exhibition, 1894.

ALL GOODS BEARING TRADE MARK GUARANTEED.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1895. [189]

## CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

Electric Lighting throughout the Premises.

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY, PROPRIETOR.

## LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

SHIPCHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS, &c.

SUPPLIES OF ALL KINDS OF SHIP and ENGINE STORES OF BEST BRANDS.

AGENTS FOR:—

INTERNATIONAL COMPOSITION FOR SHIPS' BOTTOMS.

PRICES SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OIL.

United Asbestos Co.'s HIGH GRADE packings and jointings for Triple-Expansion Engines.

PURE FRESH WATER SUPPLIED.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1895. [35]

## HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "KREMLIN"

A. B. C. Code.

TELEPHONE, No. 31.

## BOARD AND LODGING

FROM \$4.00 PER DAY.

HYDRAULIC LIFT TO ALL FLOORS.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH Conveys PASSENGERS and BAGGAGES to and from all

MAIL STEAMERS.

ROOMS TO LET on 2ND and 3RD FLOORS, FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED.

E. J. RICHARDSON, MANAGER.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1895. [335]

## W. BREWER.

SMITH'S CHINESE CHARACTERISTICS New Edition.

Chin Chin, by Tchong Ki Tong.

Sir Victor Brooke—Sportsman and Naturalist.

Measuric Pocket Book, 1895.

Thorburn—Aesthetic Neighbors.

Censures—Liberation of Italy.

Billington—Women in India.

Donaldson's Engineers Annual.

Nautical Diary & Chronometer Rate Book, '95.

Matheson's Life of Warren Hastings.

BEZIQUE. Foster and P. H. Mail Whist Manuals.

European Pictures of Year.

"The Queen" Xmas No.

New Engravings and Artists' Sandries.

Art Annual—Bears Jones.

Men's Dancing Pump.

Patent Leather Evening Shoes.

Photographic Goods.

Photo-plate Piquetting Frame.

W. BREWER, UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1895. [149]

## HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER Always on Hand.

L. MALLORY, Hongkong, 24th June, 1894. [109]

## DENTISTRY.

DR. I. SAKATA (from Japan), Mr. SUI SANG.

DENTAL SURGEON, 12, Queen's Road Central.

First Class Dental and Prosthetic Rooms.

Consultation Free.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1894. [109]

## Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 7 PER CENT. per SHARE for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1894, DECLARED at Monday's Ordinary Yearly Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the Premises of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after TUESDAY, the 19th February, and Shareholders are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya Central.

By Order of the Board of Directors, T. JACKSON, Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1895. [262]

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December, 1894, at the rate of (7.5%) ONE POUND AND FIVE SHILLINGS STERLING per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 18th instant, at the OFFICES of the CORPORATION, where SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1895. [255]

## THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICE of the COMPANY, No. 9, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, the 24th March, 1895, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 31st October, 1894.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th instant to the 2nd proximo (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors, W. A. DUFF, Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1895. [249]

## "DERMATOL."

MANUFACTURED by FARBWERKE, HERBST & M., its effect is stimulating the closing up of WOUNDS, and in internal administration against diarrhoea, is described as amazing.

D. R. KNORR'S ANTI-PYRINE.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAINS TROY.)

Is the most approved and most efficacious remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE, ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and many other complaints. It is also the very best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty. Ask for Dr. KNORR'S ANTI-PYRINE! Each Tin bears the inventor's signature "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.

To be had at every reputed Chemist and Druggist.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China Export Import and Bank Company.

Beware of spurious imitations.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1894. [444]

## Amusements.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

THERE WILL BE POSITIVELY ONLY TWO MORE PERFORMANCES OF

"ROBINSON CRUSOE,"

ON SATURDAY, THE 23RD FEBRUARY, AT 9 P.M.

AND AN AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE, MONDAY, THE 25TH FEBRUARY, AT 4 P.M.

TICKETS and BOOKS of the WORDS OF THE SONGS can be obtained at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co's.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1895. [243]

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. NAVAL STOREKEEPER, to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, ON

WEDNESDAY, the 27th February, 1895, AT NOON, at H. M. NAVAL YARD.

SUNDRY NAVAL AND VICTUALLING CONDEMNED STORES, Comprising:—

OLD IRON, CHAIN CABLE, PAPER STUFF, RAGS, CANVAS, EMPTY WOOD CASKS, OLD STORES, &c., &c.

ONE BOILER LOCOMOTIVE TYPE, 80 H.P. 60 lbs. working steam pressure.

ALSO 30 CWT of OLD FLAGS, suitable for decoration.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M.



## Announcements.

**DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

**COLDS IN THE HEAD, &c.**  
BROOKHUIS WELLCOME & Co.'s  
PINOL EUCALYPTIA INHALERS.

ONE of the best remedies extant for Nasal Catarrh and all disorders of the Nasal Passages and Nasopharyngeal membranes.  
Price .....\$1.25.

**EUCALYPTUS OIL.**  
A STANDARD REMEDY FOR COLDS.  
Sprinkled on the handkerchief and over the breast of the night clothing it gives almost instant relief.  
Bottles .....\$1.00 and 50 Cents.

**DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., Ltd.,**  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 19th January, 1895. [27]

**A. S. WATSON & CO.,**  
LIMITED.  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are Selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in Wood and Bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits and enabling us to supply the best growths at moderate prices.

PORT WINE, WITH FULL DETAILS, TO BE HAD ON APPLICATION.

PORT—After removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHIPPERS—Excellent dinner and after dinner Wines, of very superior vintage. All are true Vintages.

CLARETS—Our Claret, including the lowest price, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currents, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The Scotch Whisky marked "E" is universally popular and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong Market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.**  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 9th January, 1895. [5]

## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

**The Hongkong Telegraph**

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1895.

## TELEGRAMS.

## THE RIOTS IN FORMOSA.

LONDON, February 19th.  
H.M.S. *Mercury* has been ordered to proceed to Formosa from Hongkong in response to an urgent message from the Consul at Takao asking for protection for foreigners.

## EGYPT.

The anti-British feeling in Egypt is more pronounced, and the *Times* ascribes the fact wholly to the influence of the Khedive.

## THE ADDRESS.

Mr. Chamberlain's amendment to the Address was rejected by 295 votes against 282, and the Address was then voted.

## A STRANGE MOVE.

China has asked Japan to send peace Envoys to Port Arthur to meet Li Hung-Chang. [Should there be any truth in this report we shall be greatly surprised if the Japanese Government does not decline to appoint envoys to meet Li Hung-Chang either at Port Arthur or anywhere else. It seems strange that China should so often of late have laid herself open to humiliating rebuffs at the hands of her despised enemy, Li Hung-Chang. It is anything but a bad omen for the Japanese, he having had sole charge, for years past, of China's Korean affairs, and is therefore chiefly to blame for the rupture between these two oriental nations.—ED., *H.K. Telegraph*.]

(Special to N. C. Daily News.)  
FIGHTING NEAR CHEFOO.

CHEFOO, February 12th.  
The Japanese advance corps, estimated at about 4,000 men, came into contact this day with a division of Honan troops under Suo Ching-plan, of Chefoo, holding a fortified monastery called Chollinsu thirteen li to the south-east of Chefoo. Disputatory firing ensued all the afternoon with no decided result, when the enemy retired apparently to wait for their field artillery. Our troops were numerically inferior to the enemy but held their ground. Fighting again expected to-morrow.

## A REPORTED VICTORY.

TIENSIN, February 14th.  
Despatches arrived last night from General Sung Ching announcing a great victory over the Japanese near Kailash. Details are wanting. Chinese losses about 3,000.

## WEI-HAI-WEI SURRENDERS.

TOKIO, February 13th.  
On the 12th instant Admiral Ting sent a flag of truce to the Japanese Admiral offering to surrender all the Japanese arms, and fortifications provided that the safety of the crews of the vessels, soldiers and foreigners with them were guaranteed. Arrangements for the surrender are being formally made, and the Japanese Admiral congratulated the Chinese on having made a gallant defence.

Commenting on this news the *N. C. Daily News* very sensibly says—"This sets at rest all the rumours about the death of Admiral Ting, and shows also by the terms demanded from the conqueror that he was not unmindful of those who so bravely assisted in the defence of the port. That the Japanese will treat their prisoners generously cannot be doubted. Of course the promised assistance by the thousands of troops—or rather—who are mobilizing in the province, will be too late, if anything like assistance is even attempted. There is no dispute in the surrender of Wei-hai-wei, as Admiral Ting held out as long as possible in the face of a superior force, but he will not be branded as a coward and traitor by the effete Chinese government, and it is to be hoped for his own sake that his captors will retain him, and his followers, as prisoners in Japan."

## YOKOHAMA, February 13th.

A telegram has just been received from the Admiral of the Japanese Squadron, dated Wei-hai-wei, 12th inst., stating that a Chinese gunboat, flying a flag of truce, had brought Admiral Ting's proposal of surrender of Liukung-shan-shan, arms and forts, provided the lives of the crews, soldiers and foreigners were guaranteed. The formal surrender is being arranged. The Chinese defence has been gallant.

General Oyama reports that from the 20th until the Japanese loss was eighty-three killed and 270 wounded. The Chinese killed numbered quite 700.

## JAPANESE APPROACHING CHEFOO.

CHEFOO, February 13th.  
There is fighting going on, between the Chinese and Japanese, 20 li south-east of Chefoo.

## STRANGE IF TRUE.

CHEFOO, February 13th.  
Liukung-shan surrendered on Tuesday (12th). Admiral Ting and the General Commanding the troops there committed suicide.

## LI HUNG-CHANG REINSTATED.

PEKING, February 13th.  
Li Hung-chang has been reinstated in his position, and has been ordered to Japan as Envoy Extraordinary, to arrange terms of peace with Japan.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

BROADWOOD PIANOS at W. Robinson & Co.

Li Hung-chang celebrated the 74th anniversary of his birthday on the 30th ultimo, at Tientsin.

If all the energy expended nowadays in kicking were used in going forward we should make great progress.

New Comic Song and Dance Albums at W. Robinson & Co.

Mr. Black, Acting British Vice-Consul at Bangkok, has sent word to Bangkok that he was accorded a most courteous reception by the French authorities at Chantaboon upon his arrival there on an official visit.

VERY little seems to be known here about the trouble in Formosa beyond the fact that the troops in the vicinity of Takao have been causing serious disturbances. The *Rattler*, owing to some defects in her machinery, has not yet put to sea.

THE performance of "Robinson Crusoe" proved a great success last night. Mr. Brady was, as usual, awfully amusing. Mr. Grace was in good voice and acquitted himself admirably throughout, while the charming singing of Mrs. Hagen and Mrs. Br. brought forth thunders of richly merited applause and numerous encores which could not be denied.

We have a great deal about the luxury and display of the Vanderbilts, but it is well occasionally to note what the members of this rich family do for charities. A *Friday* paper states they have given in ten years \$1,250,000 to the College of Physicians and Surgeons. This college has done more than almost any other institution in the United States to perfect certain operations in surgery, and the work of its professors is a distinct gain to the cause of the alleviation of suffering. The money which is bestowed on it does real good to thousands, and it is unquestionably continues to benefit the masses long after the donors have passed from Time into Eternity.

We greatly regret having to chronicle the death of Mr. Robert Lyall at Singapore. Mr. Lyall, who recently went on a trip to Calcutta for the benefit of his health and was returning to the colony when laid low, may be regarded as one of Hongkong's best known "landmarks," having been a resident of this port during the greater part of his life, and being auditor of a number of public companies as well as a partner in the firm of Norton & Co. and Secretary of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd. Mr. Lyall had been in indifferent health for some months past and it was hoped by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and who now mourn over the loss of an old and so greatly benefited his health, but that was not to be, and he passed away at the General Hospital, Singapore, on the 10th inst. The funeral, which was attended by his brother, Mr. James Lyall of Singapore, and a large number of friends, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Singapore, on Monday last.

COLLARD & COLLARD PIANOS at W. Robinson & Co.

THE U.S.S. *Detroit* arrived here to-day from Singapore en route to Shanghai.

THE Chinese special envoys Chang and Shao arrived at Shanghai from Nagasaki on the 15th inst.

PROGRESS and economy are good mates so long as care is taken to see that neither one of them gets ahead of the other.

We hear that the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, now in Ceylon, will be relieved by the Royal North Lancashire Regiment, the old 47th, now stationed at Pona.

THE Paris syndicate working the Wattana gold mines in Siam are said to have two engineers of repute at the mines for the purpose of thoroughly testing the value of their property.

A REGULAR meeting of Zealand Lodge, No. 525, will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Friday, the 1st proximo, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

MESSRS. McIlwraith, McEachern & Co., of Singapore, have placed the steamer *Federal* on the Melbourne-Singapore route and intend despatching her via West Australian ports and Java. The steamer was to leave Melbourne on February 10th.

A SPECIAL meeting of licensing justices was held at the Magistrate's Court, Mr. H. E. Woodhouse, Police Magistrate, presiding. The police having no objection, the application of A. B. C. Demee to sell and retail intoxicating liquors at the Royal Stag Hotel, Queen's Road Central, was unanimously granted.

MR. E. J. MANSFIELD, who has been associated with the London *Graphic* since its establishment in 1869, has just resigned his position of publisher for that company. He has witnessed many vicissitudes in the point of circulation, from 11,000 to 500,000 of a single issue; whilst the *Graphic* has ranged from 35,000 to 700,000.

THE composition of the Madagascar expedition, of which we have heard so much lately, has been definitely decided upon. It is to be ready to leave France by March 15th, and will be made up of thirteen battalions of infantry, seven batteries of artillery, one squadron of cavalry, four companies of engineers, one division of the army transport corps, and the usual ambulance and other auxiliary sections.

At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. Woodhouse, Warium Singh, Gunner of the Asiatic Artillery stationed at Lyce-mun, was charged with attempting to murder a comrade, to wit Summing Singh, with a meat chopper on the 12th inst., at Lyce-mun. As the unfortunate victim, who was terribly 'beaked' about, is now in the Military Hospital and unable to appear, the case was remanded until Monday next.

THERE appears to be a storm brewing in Bangkok in connection with Reuter's Telegram Company, as the following from the *Bangkok Times* of the 11th instant, which speaks for itself, clearly shows:—"Reuter's Telegram Company, Limited, write to us from London: 'We are much relieved to learn from our Bombay agent that the private service from Rangoon to the *Siam Observer* has been discontinued. This is highly satisfactory, and we can only now hope that you may be able to prevent the piracy of your news locally.'"

RATHER amusing is this yarn told by Edward Terry, the London comedian. His wife recently engaged a servant from a suburban workhouse on the recommendation of a friend, but the girl turned out very badly. Mrs. Terry told her that if she did not behave she would have to go back to the workhouse. "No, I shan't," said the girl, "I'll get another situation."

"But you can't unless I give you a character."

"Oh, very well," replied the domestic comtemporarily. "If the worst comes to the worst I can go on the stage."

At the Magistrate's Court, Mr. H. E. Woodhouse, Coroner, continued the inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Umar Khan, a *hazidari* of the Hongkong Regiment, who died from injuries alleged to have been inflicted on him by Nawab Shah, a corporal of the deceased's regiment, with a revolver. The evidence of Surgeon-Captain Borradaile, Assistant Surgeon Clarke, Private Blake of the Rifle Brigade, and three privates of the Hongkong Regiment, was led, and after Colonel Barrow had been cross-examined, the inquiry was further adjourned till 10.30 a.m. on the 26th.

WE are sorry to hear that Mr. B. Morier, who was at one time well known here as the smart and capable chief officer of the *Mermaid*, has gone into trouble at Singapore. The *Free Press* of the 11th, in reference to the difficulty, says:—"Mr. B. Morier, the mate on board the steamer *Hydra*, was arrested on the information of a Chinaman on Saturday on a charge of causing or contributing to the death of a Chinese carpenter on board the 28th ult., the Chinaman stating that his countryman had died as the result of a kick. The case has been postponed, bail being allowed in the sum of \$1,000."

Bob Fitzsimmons, the middleweight champion, has, says the *New York Post*, already completed his arrangements for training for his coming championship battle with champion James J. Corbett. His will start in to prepare for the fight on the 15th inst. He has secured Corbett's old training quarters at Aubrey Park, U.S.A. Corbett, for some reason or other, has fallen out with the proprietor of "the Barn," and the latter has become very friendly with Fitzsimmons. Mrs. Fitzsimmons will do all the cooking herself during Bob's training, so there will be no chance of his being "doped." Charley White, of New York, and Billy Fitzsimmons, of Philadelphia, Bob's brother, will train him, while Jack Dempsey will be general adviser and a heavy-weight boxer will be secured to "pound" Fitzsimmons.

By the *Pluvier* M. Marcel le Monnier, editor of the *Pluvier*, the leading paper of the French capital, the leading paper of the French capital, the only paper in France issued twice a day, arrived at Bangkok on the 9th instant. M. le Monnier has been engaged in a voyage of exploration in central China, where he has spent considerable time in collecting information on the state of the country. He appears to have visited the greater part of the Far East, and has obtained the magnificent ruins of the Angkor Wat. M. le Monnier is a traveller of some note and great experience. His name occurs in connection with the famous explorations of Captain Benger in the Sudan and central Africa, and he is now said to be devoting his attention to several of the grave problems which have recently arisen in the Far East.

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It is stated that Verdi intends to bequeath his fortune, which exceeds \$2,000,000, to found a home for invalid musicians and singers.

As long as Li Hung-chang's head is spared after the war he will doubtless be reasonably comfortable in retirement with his snug little fortune of \$500,000,000, or thereabouts.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship *Empress of Japan* arrived at Yokohama at 1.30 p.m. yesterday, and left again at 11 a.m. to-day for this port, via Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

A REGULAR meeting of the Eastern Mark Lodge, No. 1664, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

ALL history shows that every "panic year" has been followed by a decade of advancing prosperity, and in the one now before us Hongkong, we think, more likely to realize big things than any other port in the Far East. It is to be hoped so at all events.

POLITICS and business are more closely allied than some people imagine, and a reform in the one is usually, in fact inevitably, followed by a revival of the other. China will probably have to reform her political system shortly, to the advantage of the government and people alike.

Mr. W. Holland will leave Shanghai for Ichang very shortly, in order to take up his post of Consul at that port. From the 15th inst. the Shipping Office at H.B.M. Consulate, Shanghai, was in charge of Mr. J. W. Jamieson, and Mr. Bullock is acting as Police Magistrate, etc.

"DEAD SHOTS" and other marksmen will be glad to hear that, thanks to the untiring efforts of the Hon. Secretary, the long-talked-of Revolver and Morris Tube Range, situated in the vicinity of the Tennis Courts—a capital site for such an innovation—is now rapidly approaching completion and in the course of a week or two it is highly probable some very interesting competitions will be held there.

LATEST news from Chemulpo (Korea) is to the following effect:—"The contractor for the railway leading from Chemulpo to Seoul has left for Japan to engage coolies to prepare the bed of the railway and for material for its construction. It is to be finished by August next. Hereafter by Royal Decree all the public offices are to be closed on Sunday as well as Saturday afternoon. Also, the anniversary of the founding of the dynasty, the anniversary of the changing of the Calendar (Dropping Kwang-Hui), and the anniversary of the taking of the oath of reform in the King's ancestral temple is to be regularly celebrated. During the summer months the public offices are to be open for business only from 8 a.m. to 12 m., and the rest of the year from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m."

THE record made recently by E. Klein, the Harvard College, U.S.A., senior and strong man was remarkable. Klein broke the college figures for strength, his record being far in excess of any man ever examined before by Dr. Sargent. According to the latter's system of measurements, a man who gets a record above 1,000 kilograms is considered exceptionally strong. Klein made a mark of 1,445.6 kilograms, his nearest competitor being G. W. Cutler, a medical student, with 1,007.8 kilograms. Not only is he by far the giant of Harvard, but of all the other colleges in America as well, his record being far better than that of the leading college athlete in the States. Klein's total strength, lungs, legs, back, forearm, and upper arm, 1,445.6 kilograms, is equal to 3,180.33 pounds. It is interesting to compare this record with that of H. R. Nash, who recently broke the record at Tufts College. The latter's total was only 2,865 pounds, or 1,303 kilograms, a long way short of Klein's record.

At the Police Court to-day, before Mr. Woodhouse, Sing Ping, a shopkeeper, and Mok Sing, manager, were charged at the instance of William Lang, second engineer on the steamer *Chiyoda*, for stealing 200 lbs. of iron from the vessel, valued at \$28, from the *Chiyoda*, the property of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., and for receiving stolen goods well knowing the same to have been stolen on the 18th instant. According to the evidence of a Chinese fireman on the *Chiyoda*, it appeared that he missed sixteen or seventeen bars from the third engine-room on deck at 9.30 a.m. on the 18th inst. The first defendant came alongside of the ship in a clinker boat, and witness told him to take away the clinker at 10 a.m. The bars, witness alleged, were passed down the shoot. After 1 p.m. on the same day witness went to the defendant's shop in Yau-mai, where he found the missing iron. One of the defendants offered him \$20 to say nothing about it. The case being proved up to the hilt, each of the defendants was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

THE following *in re* the schooner *Calab Curtis*, called for the *Commercial News* of San Francisco of the 11th inst., will be interesting. In view of the question which has been recently considered by us we have had to bear in mind that the final dividend for the year 1894 may have to fall short of what we have been accustomed to pay. In conclusion, I am glad to inform you that the Company's mortgage investments having been again submitted to the judgment of a competent assessor, his report upon them is in every way satisfactory after thorough and painstaking examination. You will observe that one property has been assigned to the Company by the mortgagee, who, owing to the plague, was in arrears with his interest, and unable, moreover, to repair typhoon damages or to carry out the requirements of the Permanent Committee of the Sanitary Board. In this case you will be pleased to hear that the security held is considered ample to cover the loan and likely to be even more so in time. The outlays upon this property, loss of rents, &c., contribute to the diminution of Interest Account I have already alluded to. With these remarks I beg to propose that the accounts and report now presented be adopted, and after that is seconded, I shall be glad to answer any question relating to them you may wish to ask. These being no questions, the Chairman moved, and Mr. Bird seconded that the report and accounts as presented be passed.

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New piano repairing machinery, received by W. Robinson & Co.

MR. MARSHALL, formerly Acting Manager of the Chartered Bank at Singapore and now manager of the branch in Batavia, was at Singapore on the 11th inst. en route to Ceylon, where he will pass the major portion of three months' furlough.

THE quarrel between Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan is still in the stage of "they never speak as they pass by" says an American exchange. The whole will not regret this unhappy dissension between the two great men, however, since the libretto as well as the music of "The Chieftain," written by Sir Arthur Sullivan and his new collaborator, F. C. Burnand, has proved a great success at the Savoy Theatre, London. The *Times* says of it:—"There is not a comic opera to be seen in London at the present moment more capable of yielding enjoyment more honest and complete than this. The libretto is of the highest order, and the music is of more importance than a thousand regrets over the unfortunate dissension that has separated the two Savoyards, or hours of dissension as to their relative influence in the scale of success. As the two giants must needs stand apart it is well to know that they are at any rate capable of standing alone."

THE London *Times* gives an account of a process by which anthracite coal bricks are now being manufactured by the London Coal Brick Syndicate. The bricks are made of grainy anthracite dust, which are forced to cohere by means of a special cementing compound, and of great pressure. The coal dust is mixed with the binding material in the proportion of 95 per cent of the former to 4 per cent of the latter. The compound is fed into a mixer, where it meets a jet of steam, a stiff paste being formed, which is delivered successively into a series of moulds under a pressure of 2500 lb. As the mouldplate revolves, the charge in each mould is brought between two pans, which exert a pressure of two tons per square inch on each side of the charge, forming a very dense and homogeneous coal brick. The brick, still in the mould, passes on to the delivery ram and by it is pushed out on to a table and is removed for the market. These coal bricks are said to make an excellent fuel, and to possess a very high efficiency for steam-raising purposes. The *Times* thinks that with such a fuel at the disposal of the public, here is room for a revolution in the pollution of the atmosphere of towns.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The twenty-sixth ordinary meeting of shareholders in the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, was held at the Company's Office, No. 2, Queen's Road Central, at noon to-day, Mr. A. G. Wood (Chairman) presiding, and there were also present Messrs. H. L. Dalrymple, J. Kramer, St. C. Michaelson, D. R. Sassoon, N. A. Siebs, A. McConachie, (Directors), E. C. Ray, Douglas Jones, S. G. Bird, J. Thurburn, C. Tomlin, Chan Apt, C. A. Ozorio, J. A. Carvalho, G. L. Tomlin, L. C. Rosello, J. M. E. Machado, H. Dixon, E. J. Hughes, J. R. M. Smith, A. G. Stokes, Granville Sharp, A. M. Rosa Pereira, and J. B. Cougle (Secretary). The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, I will begin by welcoming you to the fine new Offices of the Company, into which we have moved since the last annual meeting. The change seemed desirable to your directors, and they were glad of an opportunity to secure these roomy quarters on a long lease. Before proceeding with the formal business of the meeting, I will ask you to join with the directors in deploring the loss the Board has lately sustained by the death of Mr. Heinrich Hopps. Mr. Hopps became a director of the Company in 1873, and had ever since been indefatigable in forwarding its interests. His business capacity and genial personality were equally prominent, and I am sure you will participate in giving expression to the sincere regret felt by the Board for his loss. The report and accounts were issued on the 6th instant, and having been in your hands about a fortnight you will, no doubt, allow them to be taken as read. You will have observed that there is again a solid increase in our premium income, notwithstanding the keenness of competition to which we had to refer in our last report and which has since not abated. Endeavours are now being made to put rates on a more satisfactory footing, and it is needless for me to say that they may be successful. On the other side of the account the prominent feature, and one I very much regret, is the large loss according to the past year—the heaviest the Company has known in any year of its existence—and which I trust will prove an exceptional one. They were in very great measure due to a large fire in the great produce storage quarter in Manila in September last, and to another smaller one in December, and our loss was augmented by the unfavourable rate of exchange ruling when the claims had to be paid. Losses paid since 1st January this year amount to \$2,512.82, and those still to be adjusted to about \$5,423.33, and I trust that the risks outstanding will run off without adding materially to these figures. Interest Account has suffered a little owing to the withdrawal of the same necessary to pay claims, and to other causes which I shall presently allude to. Charges and expenses were a trifle heavier as must be the case with a larger business doing, and during a period of low rates of exchange, when salaries require readjusting and the cost of stationery, &c., is largely increased. You will see that we have had to forego making any addition to the Reserve Fund, and in recommending the payment of an *interim* dividend—a question which has been earnestly considered by us—we have had to bear in mind that the final dividend for the year 1894 may have to fall short of what we have been accustomed to pay. In conclusion, I am glad to inform you that the Company's mortgage investments having been again submitted to the judgment of a competent assessor, his report upon them is in every way satisfactory after thorough and painstaking examination. You will observe that one property has been assigned to the Company by the mortgagee, who, owing to the plague, was in arrears with his interest, and unable, moreover, to repair typhoon damages or to carry out the requirements of the Permanent Committee of the Sanitary Board. In this case you will be pleased to hear that the security held is considered ample to cover the loan and likely to be even more so in time. The outlays upon this property, loss of rents, &c., contribute to the diminution of Interest Account I have already alluded to. With these remarks I beg to propose that the accounts and report now presented be adopted, and after that is seconded, I shall be glad to answer any question relating to them you may wish to ask. These being no questions, the Chairman moved, and Mr. Bird seconded that the report and accounts as presented be passed.

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## TRAINING NOTES.

## THE FINAL GALLOPS.

The final training gallops and trials came off yesterday morning at the Happy Valley in the presence of an unusually large concourse of spectators who evinced considerable interest in all the "clips," no one leaving the enclosure until the last "pow" on the programme was *well accomplished*. A good many "sports" turned up with huge bouquets which they presented to the familiar figure of the Far Eastern turf Yeuk Yeuk, as a birthday present, this being either the twenty-fifth or twenty-sixth anniversary of this dervish-like popular sporting prophet's death in this world of ups and downs. With a degree of reluctance which, to my way of thinking, bespeaks shrewd suspicion on the part of the happy recipient of special favours, Yeuk Yeuk smoo'd a huge smile, and then he laughed outright, and the cheering roared, and the shouting, and the "knowing" one quickly performed the ever-popular "Vanishing Act" your flower would certainly have taken a hand in holding the old "rooster" and carrying him round the enclosure just for the sake of "and lang syne." However, he evaded the ordeal I had planned for him and must therefore take the will for the deed and accept my best wishes and assurance that I trust he will live long and be as successful in "snooting" winners in the future as he has been in the past.

As regards the course yesterday morning, it was in good hot rather than going on, and reflects great credit on Mr. Hough's energetic and painstaking *locum tenens*, who has done all in his power to make the "mystic circle" thoroughly satisfactory to owners and riders alike, and insure a pleasant and very successful meeting.

Bonnie Dundee was the first pony to extend himself yesterday, and he rattled along over 2 mile in 33, 1.07 and 1.38, 1.05 (boy up) negotiating the same distance in 36, 1.10 and 1.45, while Bonny (Mr. Master up) was sent one mile which he covered in 34, 1.07, 1.41 and 2.14. Pleasantly, 1.10 (boy up) 2.28, 3.03 and 3.55, while Harfang, with his owner in the saddle, strode along over the same distance in 39, 1.15, 1.50, 2.27, 3.04 and 3.38, taking his time over it and finishing with lots left in him. Premier (Mr. Hunt up) constitutional one mile at the same time, in 35, 1.13, 1.43, and 2.23, while Chop Chop lobbied long for 1 1/2 mile, but as he was allowed to travel at a funeral pace I did not time him at first, and his last three-quarters, in company with Suar, was equally unimportant.

Scot, piloted by Mr. Crawford and looking as fresh as a daisy, was now set going at pretty nearly top speed and kept it up for 1 1/2 mile, the "clock" showing that he finished his task in 2.49, his full times being 34, 1.05, 1.41, 2.16 and 2.49. Celt (Mr. Sampson up) clipped in in the last mile which he covered in 35, 1.10, 1.45 and 2.10. The Derby course was completed in 34, 1.07, 1.43, 2.19, 2.55 and 3.13. Mr. Cruickshank's sturdy mount romping home an easy winner. Diogenes (Mr. Burkill) and Seaweed (Mr. Gresson) rattled along over the Valley Stakes course in 31, 1.05 and 1.40, the "sub" after a game struggle down the straight, passing the Judges' box one second sooner than his companion, Regatta (late Earl of) in his mile in 34, 1.07, 1.41 and 2.15, while the dangerous Slones (Mr. Master at the helm) was extended for the same distance, in thin blankets, the register showing that his full times were 32, 1.05, 1.38 and 2.12. He went freely throughout and finished with tons of "go" left in him.

Rainbow (boy up) and Hobelt (Mr. Taylor) were sent along at racing speed for 1 1/2 mile and were joined by the mysterious Rake in the last three-quarters. Their whole times were 34, 1.05, 1.40, 2.16, 2.40 and 3.21. The Rake got the better of the Derby candidate, being sent the winning post a length







